WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) C.G.H.S. dispensary will be opened subject to availability of resources and fulfilment of other conditions.

**National Malaria eradication programme**

708. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP) has draf ed a plan or action for the proposed malariogenic stratification to monitor the drug resistance problem;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the malaria eradication programme is likely to be successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) No. Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme is only carrying out an exercise to conduct malariogenic stratification of the country. This is basically concerned with grouping of different malarious areas into different strata based on various homogenous characteristics, viz., epidemiological, entomological, meterological, topographical and socio-economic variables. This exercise will help in adopting different control measures for different situations.

(c) With the implementation of Modified Plan of Operation since April, 1977, the physical targets kept were reduction of malaria incidence from 4-5 per thousand population in 1981 to 2.7 per thousand during 1985. This has been achieved fully as during 1985 only 2.57 malaria incidence per thousand population were reported. Next target to be achieved is to reduce the incidence to 1.9 per thousand population by 1990. During 1987, there were 2.2 cases of malaria per thousand population.

**Construction of road at missile test range in Chandipur, Orissa**

709. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Interim Test Range authorities as Chandipur in Orissa have decided to construct a road connecting Bhimpur and Jayadev Kasba villages;

(b) whether the said construction has been opposed by the villagers leading to tension in the area; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to assuage the feelings of the local people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The road from Bhimpur to Kusumali is being improved. It is also planned to improve/construct other road connecting Bardhanpur to Jayadev Kasba villages (Pahi).

(b) and (c) Number of meetings have taken place between the State Govt. officials, concerned MLA, sarpanchas and other local leaders of the affected villages. As a result of these discussions there is now better understanding among the local population and the improvement work for the road is in progress.

**Discontentment of officers of the Indian Statistical Service**

710. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is discontentment in the Indian Statistical Service due to lack of promotions for the officers;

(b) whether the officers have suggested a separate centralised cadre authority; and

(c) if so, the decision of Government in this ragard?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI): (a) The Service Rules relating to the Indian Statistical Service provide for all vacancies arising within the Service (from Grade III upwards) being filled only by promotion. It is therefore not correct to say that there is lack of promotion opportunities for officers.

(b) There is already a Centralised Cadre Authority for the Indian Statistical Service, i.e. the Department of Statistics.

(c) Does not arise.

**Eradication of Leprosy**

711. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey conducted by the Indian Health Organisation and the Bombay Leprosy Project has concluded that the stigma attached by Indian Medical personnel to leprosy is a major deterrent in the eradication of the disease; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) In the report it has been mentioned that out of 198 doctors (mainly private medical practitioners), only 13 per cent were not afraid of contracting leprosy infection while examining the patients.

(b) As part of National Leprosy Eradication Programme, Government has initiated health education, publicity and training programme for medical practitioners, para-medical personnel and the community to dispel various wrong facts and fears that exist about leprosy. It has been pointed out that this disease is caused by a bacteria and it is curable. Majority of the leprosy cases are not infectious and even the infectious cases are least contagious of all such diseases.

Much of the apprehension against this disease is because of the age old stigma attached to it. Through sustained health education, proper orientation training and publicity this stigma is on the decline and over 20,000 health personnel and a number of Voluntary Organisations are working with great dedication in the treatment of leprosy patients.

**Welfare Facilities for War-widows**

712. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that war widows are facing great difficulty in getting welfare facilities from the department concerned of the Ministry of Defence;

(b) whether the Minister had assured the President of the War Widow Guild that a separate department would be created in his Ministry for rehabilitation of war widows and welfare of ex-servicemen; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) All general and specific difficulties regarding welfare facilities for war widows brought to the notice of Government are attended to expenditiously and with sympathy.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Registered names of professionally qualified with Foreign Assignment Section**

713. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of professionally qualified and other post-graduates who had registered their names with the foreign assignment section;

(b) what is the break-up figures according to their qualifications; and

(c) what is the number, out of them, who have been selected for assignments